

REMARKS

The claims are claims 2, 3, 17 and 18.

Claims 1 and 4 to 16 are canceled. Claims 2, 3, 17 and 18 are amended into independent form including the limitations of their respective base claims.

Paragraph 5 on page 6 of the FINAL REJECTION stated that claims 2, 3, 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of their base claims. Claims 2, 3, 17 and 18 have been so amended. All other claims are canceled.

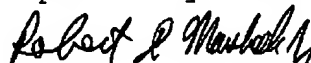
The Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment. Entry of this amendment is proper at this time because the amendment serves only to place claims in a form the Examiner has ruled allowable and cancel all other claims. Thus no new search or reconsideration is required.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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